

**Listing of the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1-18    Cancelled
19.    (Currently Amended) A container comprising:  
         at least one opening through which items are moved between the interior and  
the exterior of the container; and  
         a duct system configured to direct an air stream across the opening, the duct  
system comprising a plurality of air returns;  
         wherein at least one of the air returns is positioned adjacent to the opening and  
receives at least a portion of the air stream, the portion of the air stream forming a barrier  
between the interior of the container and the exterior environment; and  
         wherein the items are configured to be positioned substantially between at  
least another one of the air returns and the opening, the another one of the air returns being  
configured to receive another portion of the air stream.
20.    (Original) The container according to claim 19, wherein the container is  
portable.
21.    (Original) The container according to claim 19, comprising a control system  
configured to control the temperature and/or humidity of the interior of the container.
22.    (Original) The container according to claim 21, wherein the another portion of  
the air stream is used to maintain the temperature and/or humidity substantially constant.
23.    (Original) The container according to claim 19, wherein the items comprise  
food.
24.    (Original) A container comprising:  
         at least one opening through which items are moved out of the container;  
         an air curtain provided over the opening to form a barrier between an interior  
environment of the container and an exterior environment; and  
         a first side positioned substantially opposite the opening, the first side  
comprising at least one air return which is configured to receive a portion of the air from the  
air curtain.

25. (Original) The container according to claim 24, wherein the items comprise food.
26. (Original) The container according to claim 24, comprising a fan configured to circulate the air in the air curtain through the container.
27. (Original) The container according to claim 24, wherein the first side is substantially uniformly perforated.
28. (Original) The container according to claim 27, wherein the first side is substantially planar.
29. (Original) The container according to claim 24, comprising a control system configured to control the temperature and/or humidity of the interior of the container.
- 30-36 Cancelled
37. (Original) A container configured to house food comprising:  
at least one fan configured to output an air stream; and  
a baffle configured to receive the air stream from the fan;  
wherein the air stream from the baffle passes over a water source to humidify the air stream; and  
wherein the humidified air stream is circulated in the container to maintain the water content of the food at or above a set level.
38. (Original) The container according to claim 37, wherein the container is configured to house food.
39. (Original) The container according to claim 37, wherein the container is portable.
40. (Original) The container according to claim 37, wherein the water source is heated.
41. (Original) The container according to claim 37, wherein the baffle comprises at least one perforated plate.

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The drawing sheet or sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figure(s) 4-5 and 7-9 are being presented as new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheets. The drawing Figures 4 and 7-9 have been amended to refer to water heating element 85. Previously, reference numeral 86 was inadvertently being used to refer to the water input and the water heating element. After amending the drawings, reference numeral 86 is used to refer to the water input and reference numeral 85 is used to refer to the water heating element.